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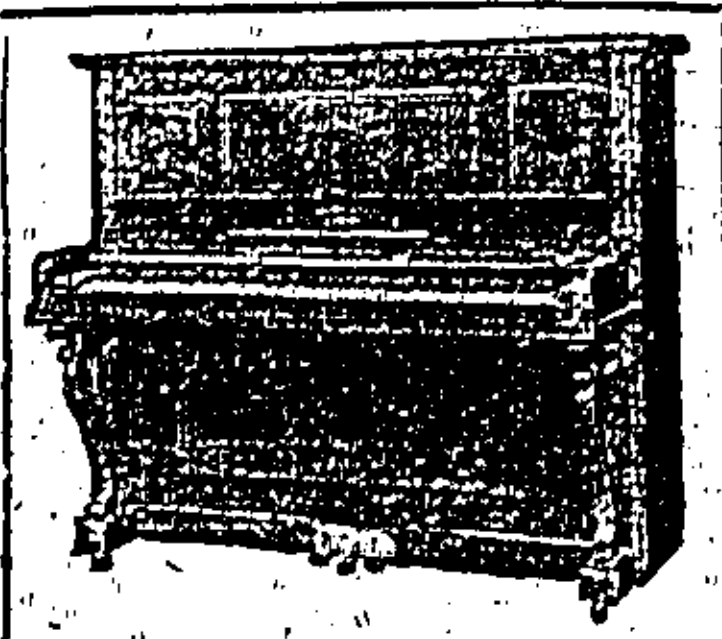
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

NAVAL PAY INCREASED.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
The Admiralty has announced bonuses equivalent to minimum increases, and costing £4,500,000, pending the Committee's final conclusions on the pay revision. The increases for the navy and reserves range from a shilling a day for ordinary seamen to 6s. for captains and above, and for the Royal Marines, 1s. 6d. for privates to 5s. 6d. for lieutenant-colonels, and 6s. for higher ranks.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR SCHEME.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
A communique from Paris says that Mr. Barnes has been conferring since January with prominent British trade-unionists and representatives of India and the Dominions on a draft scheme for the international regulation of conditions of employment. The scheme was closely examined and discussed, and the experience of all present at the conferences was freely placed at Mr. Barnes' disposal. Many valuable suggestions were made and full weight given to the views of organized British trade-unionism. The conference concluded at noon. The draft scheme agreed upon will be submitted to the international commission on international labour regulation.

EMPIRE'S WAR DEBTS.

COMMISSION TO CONTROL.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
A scheme has been formulated by the Acting Commonwealth Premier, Mr. Watt, for the formation of an Empire Commission which will take over the control of all the Empire's War Debts. All the Dominions and Colonies would be duly represented on the commission. It would assume its financial position in order to convert the debt into common stock. Each Government would be liable only for its own obligations and would make an annual payment of at least five shillings per hundred sterling of the debt taken over, for interest, redemption, and interest on the distribution of costs. Additional loans with respect to the late war expenditure would be raised if necessary.

RUSSIAN TROOPS GOING HOME.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
A Copenhagen message reports that the large hospital ship "Russ" arrived en route to Reval with Russian troops from France, fully armed and equipped.

YPRES AS MEMORIAL.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
A Paris telegram states that the Belgian Government has decided to keep the ruins of Ypres as a memorial of the horrors of the war. The town will be rebuilt on a new site.

ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

AMOUNT OF BONUS.

LONDON, JANUARY 29.
The War Office announces that the British Armies at the date of the Armistice numbered 3 1/2 millions. Demobilization proceeds as rapidly as possible.

The War Office is retaining 900,000 as the Army of Occupation which will receive a weekly bonus. Privates will get 10/6 weekly, Non-commissioned Officers 12/3 to 14/-, and Officers 21/- to 42/-.

There will be five Armies of Occupation formed on February 1, some for the Rhine, Middle East and Far North India.

No soldier under 20 will be required to serve anywhere except at Home and in the Rhine Armies.

It is believed that recruiting for the voluntary Army will improve as soon as the great mass who have fought return to civil life.

Upon the rebuilding of the Army depends the relief of territorial battalions in India and other distant stations.

U. S. IMMIGRATION BAR.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
The U. S. A. immigration bill exempts immigrants from Cuba, Mexico, Canada, and Newfoundland from prohibition.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

UNDESCRIBED VIEWS.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
To-day's communique from Paris says representatives of the Five Powers met twice to-day. The Polish delegates this morning made several statements on the Polish situation and Polish claims.

In the afternoon the Czech-Slovak delegates gave their views on the question of an industrial basin in Silesia between Bohemia and Poland.

GERMAN PEACE DELEGATES.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
An Amsterdam message says the German peace delegation will consist of Herr Scheidemann, Rantzau, Bernstorff, Erzberger and ex-vice-secretary Haussmann. Herr Scheidemann and Rantzau will participate only at the opening sittings, so the negotiations proper will be conducted by Bernstorff, Erzberger, and Haussmann.

A COMPROMISE.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
Well-informed American circles in Paris believe that the global difficulties will be solved by a system of mandates controlled by the league of Nations, thus internationalising the colonies as President Wilson desires, but simultaneously giving the mandatory nation complete liberty of action so long as it is in accordance with the principles of the League. It is understood this compromise was practically reached at yesterday evening's session of the council of the Great Powers.

GENERAL BOTHA HEARD.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
General Botha was heard at to-day's council of the Great Powers with regards to the German colonies.

AIR CONFERENCE.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
An air-conference meeting will be held shortly, comprising five Delegates each from France, Britain, Belgium, the United States, and Italy, in order to frame proposals for submission to the peace conference regarding the regulation of air navigation.

THE AIR FORCE.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
The Press Bureau says Mr. Churchill has announced that the air-force on Nov. 11 numbered 30,000 officers and 265,000 men, of whom 1,742 and 51,727 respectively have been demobilised. It is intended to retain in the current year 6,500 officers and 75,000 men.

Pending an announcement of the strength and terms of service of the post-war air-force, weekly bonuses costing £3,000,000 annually will be granted, ranging from 10s. 6d. to 11s. 8d. for aircraft-men, 12s. 3d. to 21s. for non-coms, 21s. for flight cadets, and 24s. 6d. to 42s. for officers.

The Ministry of Labour announces that in view of the Government's decision regarding the constitution of the armies of occupation, no further applications for the release of privates or others on special grounds can be considered.

LONDON MURDER CASE.

LETTERS FOUND.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
New light was thrown on the Seton shooting case when Lieut. Colonel N. C. Rutherford was brought up at the West London Police Court on the charge of wilful murder.

The Public Prosecutor read a remarkable series of recent letters written by Mrs. Rutherford to her husband. These had been found in the latter's bag. The letters were couched in moving and affectionate terms and reproached Rutherford with his behaviour towards her. In one letter she referred to his awful temper and his frequent ill usage of her. Another showed she had tearfully resisted her friends' efforts to persuade her to sue for a divorce but that at a subsequent date she had decided to institute divorce proceedings. She had asked her husband to facilitate this in order to avoid publicity. The hearing was adjourned.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SPAIN.

MADRID, January 29th.
In the Chamber, the Catalanian leader, Signor Cambó, opposed the Government's autonomy Bill and claimed sovereignty, not decentralisation.

DEMOCRATIZATION.

SPEEDING IT UP.

LONDON, January 29th.
Reuter understands that demobilisation is proceeding more rapidly, and more smoothly.

During the past fortnight over 35,000 were being demobilised daily, and it is hoped that the figure of 40,000 daily will soon be reached, and that all soldiers who were serving in January, 1918, will be automatically released.

For the next nine months an Army of about 900,000 will be needed. The men retained will be those with the shortest service, but taking into account age and wounds.

The aim is to demobilise by year classes, releasing all over the age of 35. Among the commitments are the necessity of maintaining a moderate sized army for the occupation of the Rhine, the upkeep of an adequate force in the United Kingdom for the purposes of internal order, the maintenance of a force in Ireland and the garrisoning of Palestine, Mesopotamia, the Crown Colonies and India.

It is impossible to build up a voluntary army for the commitments before the completion of demobilisation, but a good response to the volunteering appeals is anticipated by autumn.

There is no question of continuing conscription, but, as a preliminary to the creation of a volunteer army, about 25 per cent. of the present army must be retained in order to secure the full fruits of the Allied victory.

These will be granted very substantially increased pay. New leave arrangements will be made. Employers will be asked to keep open the situations of those retained.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIST.

STOCKHOLM, January 29th.
A telegram from Copenhagen states that the Danish Government has informed the Bolshevist representative in Copenhagen that his presence is no longer desirable. He and the members of the Legation are returning home.

AMSTERDAM, January 29th.
A telegram from Vienna states that, under pressure from the authorities, the Russian War Prisoners' Commission, which was recently here and was mostly occupied in spreading Bolshevist propaganda, have left the city.

Some of the leaders were arrested in Budapest and Prague at the request of the commanders of the Entente troops.

NORWEGIAN CLAIM.

STOCKHOLM, January 29th.
A Norwegian sailors' organisation has decided to demand indemnity from Germany for the sailors killed by submarines, and to refuse to assist in provisioning Germany until £800,000 is paid in this connection.

WOMEN SUFFRAGE IN FRANCE.

PARIS, January 29th.
A Havas message states:—
M. Millerand, the former French Minister of War, declared that he was in favour of women's suffrage, it being a lesson the war has taught. French women, having nobly replaced absent men, deserve a share in guiding the country's destiny.

U.S.A. STOPS GENERAL IMMIGRATION.

WASHINGTON, January 29th.
The Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives has approved the Bill prohibiting general immigration for four years after peace is signed.

RUMANIAN RISING.

VIENNA, January 29th.
A telegram from Budapest states that a Peasants' Revolution has broken out throughout Rumania. Systematic risings occurred simultaneously in all the villages on January 25th. Returned armed soldiers headed the insurgents and forced their way into the towns. Bloody encounters with the regular troops followed.

The fighting at Bukharest continued all day long on January 28th. The soldiers employed machine-guns, killing considerable numbers.

The Social Democrats joined the revolutionaries.

GERMANY.

COPENHAGEN, January 29th.
An unofficial statement from Berlin states that the whole of the Western Army is being demobilized. Only 100,000 of the Eastern Army are not being demobilized. The demobilization of the troops in distant theatres is anticipated in February.

AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS FOR SOLDIERS.

LONDON, January 29th.
It is announced that the Government are prepared to provide a subsidy amounting to many millions sterling for the purpose of establishing small agricultural holdings for men discharged from the Army.

The local authorities will assist, but the country will bear the cost. The Bill referring to this scheme will be given the foremost place after the opening of Parliament.

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Hongkong, January 29, 1919.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, VICTORIA BUILDINGS on TUESDAY 4th February, 1919, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the REPORT OF DIRECTORS together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from 12 o'clock on TUESDAY, 28th January, to TUESDAY, 4th February, 1919, (both days inclusive) during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be made.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on FRIDAY, February 7, 1919, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1918.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, January 28, 1919, to FRIDAY, February 7, 1919, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG, Jan. 23, 1919.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 8th day of February, 1919, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as an extraordinary resolution:

"That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, viz:

"In Article 82 the word 'five' shall be substituted for the word 'four'."

The effect of this resolution will be to increase the maximum number of the Directors from 4 to 5.

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated 24th day of January, 1919.

By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Secretary and Manager.

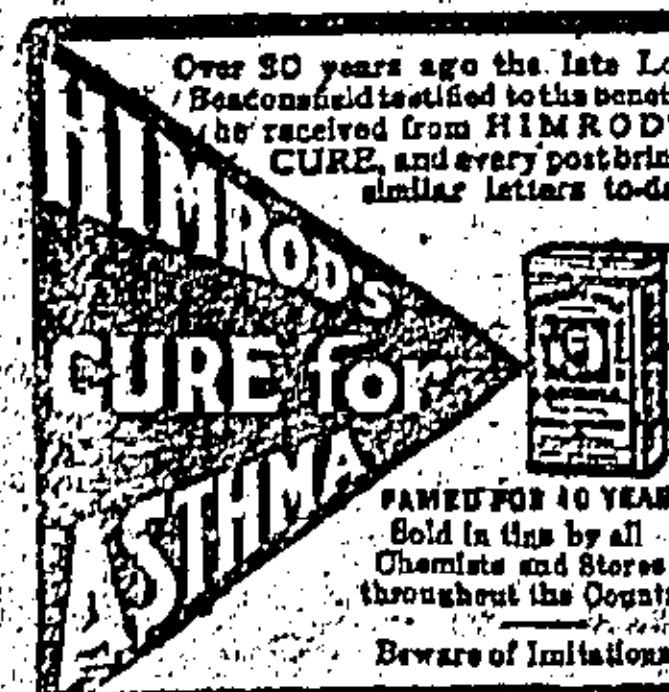
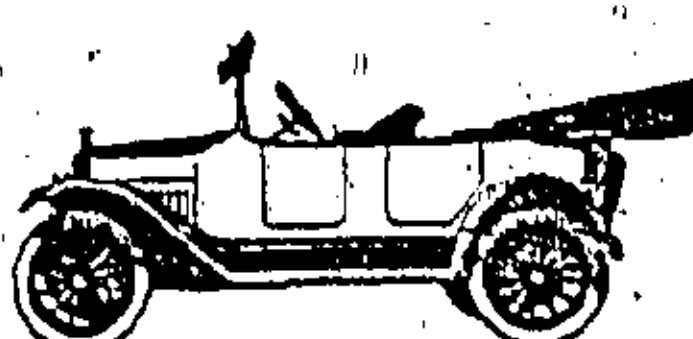
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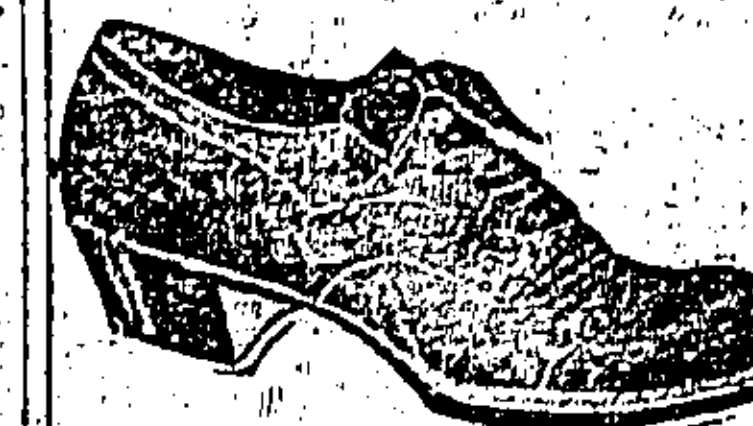
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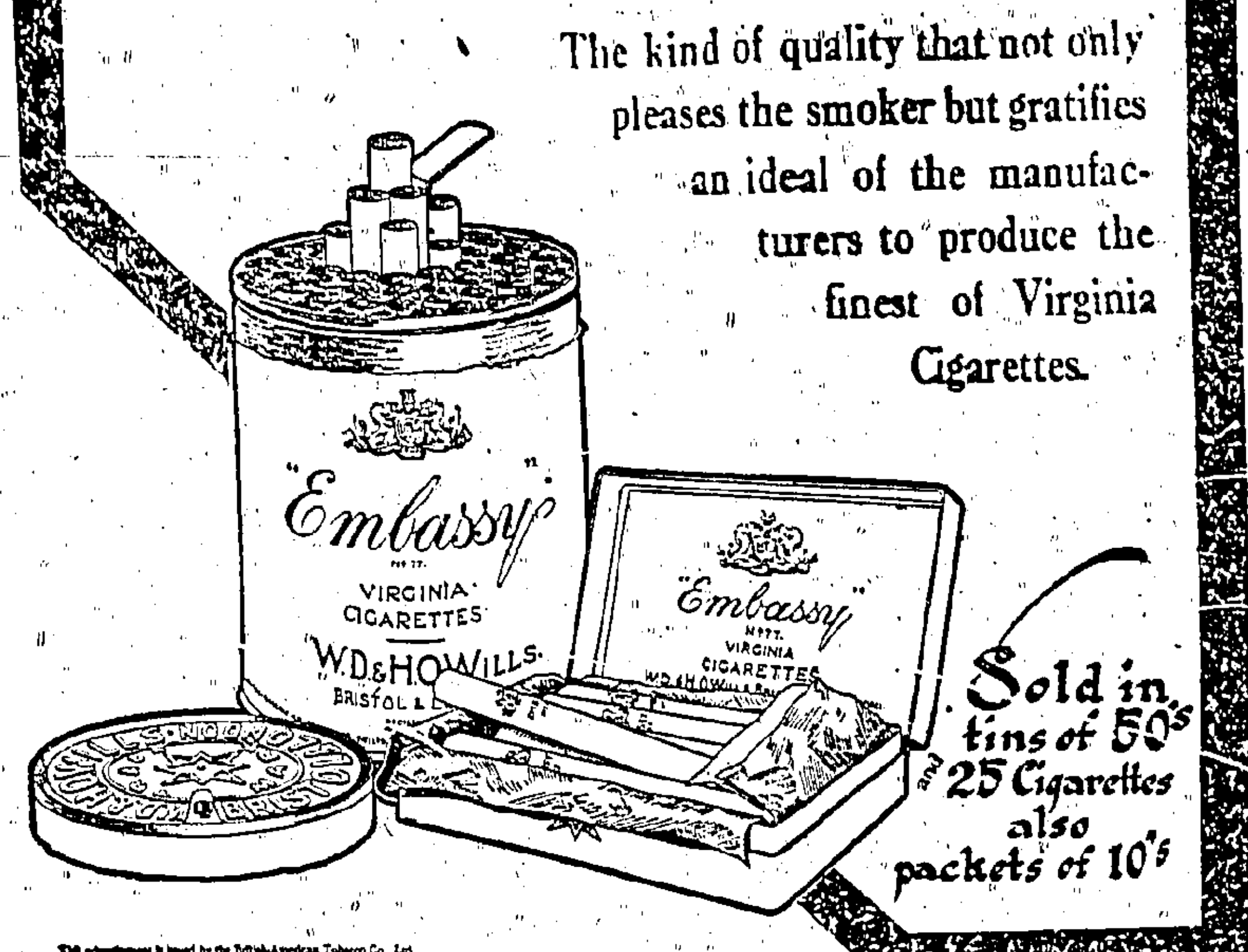
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It is in the convalescent camps that the authorities have particularly welcomed the teachers, who are all women. The measured steps of Sir Roger de Coverley, the liveliness of the jig, have been found to have a particularly beneficial effect on shell-shocked men, who are literally shaken out of their mind troubles by the strain of the simple old "airs" to which generations of Englishmen who knew not the bunny-hug and two-step have danced.

For their dancing the men wear flannels, and the instructresses always take their white frocks with them. Perhaps the men will bring back with them from France a new-born love of the old dances, which will encourage a revival up and down the country.

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AN INVINCIBLE NATION.

Quaint ideas which the Abyssinians held with regard to the war were told by Mr. Arnold Hodson, British Consul in Abyssinia, to the Royal Geographical Society recently.

An invincible nation in their own belief, they had no respect for European armies. "They think," said Mr. Hodson, "that the armies meet, and, at a certain hour, they all stop and have their luncheon, and that in the evening they stop again, so that they can go to sleep peacefully."

BRITISH LIBERALISM NOT DEAD.

"They have often said to me that had they been fighting in Europe they would have finished the whole thing in a day, or at any rate a couple of days. Europeans did not know how to fight. They are also convinced that their country is under the direct protection of the Almighty, and that they are unconquerable."

PHILIPPINE AUTONOMY.

Mr. Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippine Senate, who arrived at Nagasaki by the "Fashim Maru" recently interviewed by a Hoichi representative, said: "An arrangement was made with the American Government in 1916 that when the Filipinos had completed preparations for the establishment of autonomous government it would be granted them. On this understanding we have been making all the necessary preparations for autonomous government and as they have now been completed I am proceeding to Washington to consult the Government on the matter. The Filipino army has now reached 10,000 men and so they would be sufficient for ordinary purposes."

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WHAT JAPAN MADE.

Introducing the Budget in the House of Representatives Baron Tokutomi summed up the economic situation of Japan during the period of the war as follows:
In four years the capital invested in industries had grown by Yen 5,000 million, nearly half of which had been actually paid up; the deposits in the Banks had risen from Yen 2,800 million to Yen 6,200 million; the deposits in the Post Office Savings Banks from Yen 200 million to Yen 550 million; exports total 5,610 million; other receipts abroad 4,150 million; the national total 1,320 million; the national credit abroad had reached 2,780 million, and the reserves of the Bank of Japan, which before the war amounted to 350 million had been increased to Yen 1,580 million.

VERSAILLES MEETING.

England was represented at the Versailles armistice terms conference by but one Englishman, is the complaint of a contributor to "The Evening Standard," who has thereby started quite a "paper" controversy as to why England is not ruled by Englishmen.

The British delegates were: One Welshman, Lloyd George; one Scottish Canadian, Borden; one Hebrew, Lord Reading; four Scotchmen, Balfour, Geddes, Haig, Wemyss; one Englishman, Lord Milner.

England, says this writer, contributes 75 to 80 per cent. of the men in the British army, 95 per cent. of the British navy and about 99 per cent. of the war expenditure. What is the reason?

The inquiring contributor started something. Reasons galore pour into the newspaper offices.

One correspondent tells the story of a Glasgow business man who made his first business visit to London. He was asked on his return what he thought of the Englishman as a business man.

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Backing out is not exactly the correct term, for they attempted to run away with the whole outfit, machine, socks and all except the empty house.

Unfortunately for them Ku Tse-chen returned to his empty factory in time to discover the coup. He caught Koo Weng-wo, and, later on, found Wu Puh-hung with the assistance of the police. The machines, stock of the police. The machines, stock of the police. The machines, stock of the police.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JAN. 31, 1919.

CRIME BY ARMED CHINESE.

THAT natural but unjust tendency of an impatient public, confronted with an apparent excess of crime, to blame the Police, is not going to have the sympathy or support of the "China Mail." We believe, not groundlessly, that in view of the increased amount of crime and their reduced strength, (the Hongkong Police) deserve praise rather than adverse criticism. If the Government could only be made aware of the way in which the Captain Superintendent of Police is handicapped, by the prolonged absence of so many of his good men, and by the less urgent demands that are nevertheless persistently made upon the remainder, it would do something at once. What may be right in normal times is not necessarily so in a crisis. In newspaper work, when things are slack, we get flippantly about style, typography, and so on. We will take pains with punctuation, and perhaps break up a column to change a semicolon. When we are "rushed" with big news, more important matters claim first attention. So it should be with the police. Why should they be wasted on petty municipal cases when there is real crime afoot, and not nearly enough men to go after it?

When the "China Mail" said the other day that armed crime was bigger than it had been, and on the increase, that was no rash assertion, based on the phenomena of the moment. It was made with knowledge. The statistics bear it out.

In 1918 there were 25 murders reported, as compared with 11 in 1917 and 12 in 1916.

Armed robberies in 1918 numbered 89, which was 19 more than in the year before, and 24 more than in 1916. The figures are interesting.

Taken by months, they show, as is usual, greater criminal activity towards the end of the Chinese year. Taken by districts, Hongkong had 42 cases, Kowloon 26, and the New Territory 21.

Perhaps we were wrong in suggesting that the penalties inflicted

upon Chinese unlawfully carrying arms were all inadequate. It is undoubtedly true of some, and really so far as the public is concerned, the general feeling is that the magistrates might safely err on the side of severity. The mere possession of a revolver is an admission that the carrier is prepared to use it, and in view of the way that so many of these scoundrels have used and are using them, the most exemplary and prohibitive penalties would be all to the good. Naturally, the magistrate considers all the circumstances of each case, and follows judicial precedent. The circumstance we would like to see considered first and chiefly is that the mere possession of arms by these fellows is an impudent menace, firmly to be discouraged. Penalties that do not tend to deter others are unfair to the police and unfair to the public.

During 1918 there were 49 convictions for unlawful possession of arms. That probably represents a decimal percentage of the number undiscovered. In 1917 there were 50, and in 1916 79.

It is to the increase of armed robberies that we would draw the special attention—not of the public, which, without the figures, is already aware of it; but of the Government. It has, we suspect, already done all it feels able to do in the matter of getting back the police who were sent away. None but a fool would suppose the Administration disinclined to have its police force restored to full strength as quickly as possible. But there is nothing else it could do right away, some urgent, practical common-sense measure a little out of routine, but useful? Would it be unreasonable to issue instructions to the police heads to concentrate on this armed mischief for a while, and to turn a blind eye to the peccadilloes that bring in revenue but do not worry the public so much as does the existing state of the armed robbery business? Would it even be improper to suggest a military patrol, with special police powers?

At the Legislative Council meeting yesterday, a question was asked that had previously been asked in this column. In effect, it asked the Government if it was doing all that could be done to check the immigra-

tion of revolvers surrounded by the malodorous garments of Chinese Turpins. We find the answer rather disappointing. We don't say it was disingenuous, but it seemed to us—well, unenthusiastic. It didn't say plump and plain that all was being done that could be done. It reminded us of the disturbed state of China—a hint as to one of the causes of the evil that we hardly needed. It said that something was being done, that "some" trains were watched. "Some" answer. Had Mr. Holyoak been present, he would probably have put supplementary questions—

(a) How many are "some trains"?
(b) Is the number of trains of service dependent upon the number of detectives available?

And so on. Surely it would not delay trains to corral all Chinese (except those obviously respectable) at the last three stations where they get off, after they get off, and to hold 'em until overhauled. This would need more men. Well, I would not be for a while until the news got round among the desperadoes that Hongkong had ceased to take them "living down." Soldiers could do it. The Government has power to take them. They would be called out if a big gang of these fellows tried to hold up the city. Isn't that practically what is being done now?

The inconvenience and annoyance to honest men would be considerable, but not more unjust or irritating than the present Police Registration is to freeborn Englishmen. They bear it because they think it is the only way to stop Germans getting in. It is more important to stop armed desperadoes. Germans probably wouldn't shoot policemen and others interfering with them. Germans wouldn't rob. This isn't a defence of Germans. It is a way of saying that our local banditti are worse than Germans.

However, it may be that the Government is less excited about it than the public is, and doesn't admit the urgency. We must wait till Government House is raided, if the Colonial Secretariat "held up." We have no wish to "nag" the Government, but it is, of course, part of our duty to let it know how the people are feeling about these things. We are glad to hear that one of our relevant suggestions (that asking the cinema censorate not to overlook the provocative outside posters) received attention and was approved.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is officially reported that there are 1,100 Americans in the Tientsin Consular District. Of these 600 are in Peking and Tientsin; 240 in Tientsin; and the balance in the interior districts.

Major and Mrs. Milner Jones left for Home on the s.s. Sphinx, after a stay of over five years in the Colony. The Major had a little service in Siberia during the latter part of last year.

The Chinese arrested in connection with the robbery on the jewellery and money changer's ship in Shanghai Street was to have appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning on a charge of robbing \$310.20. The man was ill in the jail hospital and the hearing had to be again adjourned for a week.

The deciding billiard match between Pitt and Goodman at the Palace Hotel is advertised elsewhere in this issue. Each man has already won once, and both men have their fans, though Pitt seems to be favourite. The Proprietor is giving a silver cup to the winner. It is expected that those who go to watch will see some keen billiards.

Application was made in Mr. J. R. Wood's Court this morning for the extradition of a Singapore Chinese who was wanted for the robbery of \$825 in Singapore. Mr. Leo Longinotto, Asst. Crown Solicitor, requested Mr. J. R. Wood for an adjournment. He stated a cable had been received from Singapore to the effect that the witnesses in the case would not be able to leave Singapore until after February 2. The hearing was accordingly adjourned.

They have a smart watchman at the Hongkong Hotel. Noticing that an officer of the s.s. "Hong Bee" who drove up in a ricksha wore a gold ring, he also noticed that it wasn't on his finger after the officer had paid the coolie. He got a hukong to search the coolie who had the ring in a purse. The officer had gone off with his ship meanwhile, and the Police don't know his name. So the case is remanded for a week, the coolie being let out on bail of \$100.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prize distribution of the above College was held in the hall of the new premises, old German Club, last evening. The hall which was tastefully decorated with Allied flags, was filled with a large gathering of parents and friends of the students. H.E. the Officer Administering the Government was received at the entrance by His Lordship Bishop Pozzani, Rev. Bro. Aimar (director), and Rev. Fr. Spada, and was conducted into the spacious hall to the strains of the National Anthem.

The following programme was then gone through by the pupils, assisted by some friends of the school: Overture, Prof. Gonzales; Chorale, "Ye Mariners of England," College Choir; Recitation Dialogue, "What We Won't Be," Masters A. Johnson, C. da Silva, D. Montalto, G. Noronha, George Fung, E. Carvalho, C. Osmund, and W. Urquhart.

This item was very interesting and brought the boys much well merited applause, for their good resolutions, that "as long as they had a will to call their own" they would neither be a thief, a drunkard, a liar, a coward, or a "masher."

Duet, "Landward Watch," Masters M. Silva, C. Osmund, A. M. Xavier, and C. da Silva. Pianoforte Duet, by Masters M. Silva and E. Carvalho.

These boys, who are yet quite young, displayed much talent and received credit for their inter Miss E. da Silva. There are great possibilities for this pair.

Recitation, "The Destruction of Pompeii," Master A. M. Xavier.

This youth received enthusiastic applause for his contribution, and was, as his Excellency afterwards remarked, extremely good, his elocution being exceptional for one of his age.

Chorus, "The Professor and L.D." College Choir. Violin Solo by Prof. Gonzales assisted by Mr. Fred Braga at the Piano.

This item evoked the admiration of all present who applauded enthusiastically.

The following are extracts from the Annual Report read by the Director, Rev. Bro. Aimar:—

The school year under review has been one of the most remarkable in the history of the College since its foundation in 1873. After the earthquake shocks the Colony experienced in February last, two-thirds of the main College fabric were declared unsafe, and orders were issued by the Building Authority to vacate the wings and to commence the overhauling of the building within six months. How to carry on the work of the school during the renovation of that large structure was a problem of difficult solution. For the remainder of the scholastic year the boarders were housed in some of the new rooms, and the classes were taught in four different places.

The old German Club which the Directors of the Union Insurance Society of Canton had kindly placed at my disposal from month to month having been found suitable for the reorganization of our work, its acquisition by the Society of the Christian Brothers was forthwith decided. In less than four months this five-storied edifice was converted into a most serviceable school-building, and our work fully reorganized for the beginning of the current school year. It is clear that this is a central locality, and I may say that the work is now carried on under better conditions than before.

Under ordinary circumstances this well-ventilated hall accommodates the boarders' beds, and it is not surprising if Dr. Strahan certifies that the dormitories are in a thoroughly satisfactory and sanitary condition.

At present the higher classes are taught here, and the lower in the annex to the Old College building (Robinson Road), which was completed in October 1917. In his annual report Mr. Ralphs states that it is in every respect suitable as a school building, and is well furnished. Two small divisions of Classes 4 and 6 are taught in Kowloon. The numbers are practically those of the last four years: viz., 540 on roll as compared with 554 in 1917. To 540 must be added the 50 pupils attending the Kowloon branch opened in September 1917.

The Annual Inspection was held in May. Many pupils were absent on account of the influenza epidemic, as had also been the case during the early months of the year owing to the outbreak of spotted fever.

The Inspector of English Schools reported the equipment satisfactory, the discipline very good, and the staff adequate according to needs required. During the Great War three Brothers and one assistant Master, Mr. G. Binstow, responded to their country's call in the hour of need.

Test examinations are held at stated times during the year, and detailed reports submitted to the parents of the pupils.

The results of the public examinations were on the whole satisfactory. Out of 31 candidates who entered for the Preliminary Oxford Local in 1917, 20 passed, one with honours.

In 1918, the examination was held in September. Some of the candidates from the outports could not be here in time to take it. The results which came to hand last week show that 20 passed, 5 with 3rd Class Honours.

Twenty candidates were successful in the Junior Local. They were awarded 3 distinctions. Out of 31 presented only 2 failed in the English Section which comprises dictation, grammar, composition and literature.

Six passed the Matriculation, and 5 the Senior Local: 0 failed. In the Pittman's Shorthand Examinations, 2 obtained a 2nd Class certificate, and 17 a 3rd Class. The Typewriting Class is well attended. Chinese is taught to all the Chinese boys in accordance with the code. Chow Fung To passed with distinction the Chinese test in the Junior Local.

French or Portuguese is now taught to the pupils of European parentage in Classes 4 to 1, from 8 to 5 hours a week. Rev. Father B. da Silva has been in charge of the Portuguese Class since September last.

In the Hongkong School Football League the College came second; and in the Hongkong School Sports our athletes won the Quarter Mile, the Half Mile, and the Team Race. The College Team which was entered for the Junior Hongkong League did creditably. This year the team has won fame in the same League.

Football remains the boys' favourite game; however, both day boys and boarders avail themselves to the full of the lower tennis court in our new grounds. The larger upper court, which unfortunately has already been stepped of its turfing is used for various games, but chiefly for inter-class football competitions by the younger boys. It is far too small for regular football games.

We gratefully remember that two years ago, Mrs. I. Shik Pang and Sons donated \$12,000 and that various benefactors subscribed over \$2,000 towards the completion of the annex which proved such a boon when the old building was condemned. Memorial tablets will be erected as promised as soon as future plans are definitely settled. During the past few months alterations to the new premises and the erection of a Sanitary Block have involved considerable expenditure. Funds will also be needed to equip a laboratory for the teaching of elementary science. We also want a gymnasium, and a large play-ground for both day-scholars and boarders. We feel confident that as in the past the generous assistance of the Government and of the friends and promoters of education will enable us to carry out the necessary improvements. (Applause.)

Before distributing the prizes, His Excellency said:—My Lord Bishop, Brother Aimar, ladies and gentlemen: I have a lively recollection of the last time I presented prizes at St. Joseph's College. I think it was in the autumn of 1913, in the old building in Robinson Road; that building which is now much shaken and which I understand has had to be practically abandoned. I think considering the great difficulties with which Bro. Aimar has had to contend during the past year, with two epidemics and in addition an earthquake, we may consider the report which he has read to us very satisfactory. It is not an easy thing suddenly to have to transplant the greater part of the school to another site, because parents may view such a move with disapproval, and the attendance may suffer considerably. That, on this occasion, has not been the case, and it shows how much the parents value the teaching given here that they have no objection to any of their children coming the extra distance. I spent about an hour yesterday with Brother Aimar going from the top to the bottom of this building to see what he has been doing, and so far as his plan has been carried into effect I am sure he has made thoroughly good use of his time. He has extensive schemes for the future for which he looks to various quarters for help. His schemes, I believe from his descriptions, are good ones and will enable him to house the whole of the school on this very fine site within a comparatively short time. I must urge upon you, as I have urged elsewhere, the importance of the matriculation examination for the University. Brother Aimar spoke in his report of many boys giving school up at a comparatively early age, not attempting to get anything like so far as that examination. That examination provides a standard, which is fairly high, and which I hope will remain high. It is a sort of guarantee to the boy—whether he is going into business or other walks of life—that he has achieved quite a good standard of education. I hope that as many as possible will proceed to the University, and that they may, not like Master Silva, become Professors and LL.D.s (laughter), but that they may still obtain degrees at one of the three faculties and fit themselves for a sound career. The record of the school has been fairly satisfactory in athletics during the past year, but there is one game not played here, which has been a great success in other schools, and that is "volley ball." I am sure that if Brother Aimar sees his way to make one

of two-volley ball courts in the ground here, he will find that there will be keen competition in that game, and that it will keep his pupils in excellent health. This game requires only a small area and with 24 boys on each court, it provides most vigorous exercise. I throw it out as a suggestion and I hope it may be found possible to work the courts in with the other plans. I congratulate you, Brother Aimar, on the success which attended your school last year, and I hope that when all the plans are completed and you have your school and house in one place that your success will increase year by year. (Applause.)

The list of prize-winners is as follows:—

Class 8A.—H. Talati, Leo Silva, G. Fung, J. Figueiredo, H. Fung, B. D'Almeida, C. Vieira, H. Rosley, L. B. Pereira and H. M. Remedios.

Class 8B.—Lau Wai Chow, Chow Sik Leun, Leung Shiu Loong, Tse Siu Wa, Yeung Han Shan, Yung Kam Yau, Fung Tak Fan, Hon Siu Hoi, Chow Tse Chiu and Wong Wa Shing.

Class 7A.—George Fung, Ho Che Leung, Ho Suk Yee, K. Ishimatsu, Peter Lim Uy Peh, Jos. Souza, C. Rodrigues, Victor Lau, C. Noronha and John Braga.

Class 7B.—Tak Yao, Tak Chiu, U. Kien, Po Chang, Lea Fong, Chiu To, Wong Chiu, Yen Ping, Cheuk Tin and Yee Farn.

Class 6A.—J. Holm, C. Osmund, M. Silva, F. X. Silva, H. Nemeze, T. Inokuchi, J. Foke, H. Rumjahn, S. M. Cruz and P. Castilho.

Class 6B.—Marius Woo, Peter Hui, L. Yuen Chun, C. Hin Kwok, Y. Lu Yung, K. Lun Ying, C. Gar Hee, Chu Sui Lun, Tse Shin Kuen and Y. Kwong Low.

Class 5A.—A. M. Xavier, M. A. Silva, E. Ossen, A. Segal, H. Remedios, L. Ribeiro, M. Fishman, D. Xavier, T. Ribeiro and Tay Yew Ai.

Class 5B.—Young Fook, C. Sik Wing, L. Ka Min, C. Kai Man, C. Kwan Yung, T. Hark Kim, H. Shou Cheong, L. Kam Ping, N. Ying Lok and T. Ip Kan.

Class 5C.—A. Gossao, J. Montalto, C. Haughton, E. A. da Rosa, D. Montalto, Ishiwata, J. Ward, T. Chanaxong, Lobato de Faria and E. Olais.

Class 4A.—Henry Barros (Old Boys' Scholarship), Francois Young, Francis Maciunna, Hugh Braga, L. da Silva, Carlos Pereira, José da Silva, Stephen Conception, "Man Yung," José Alves and Carlos Silva.

Class 4B.—A. de Jesus (Old Boys' Scholarship), A. G. Botelho, Andrew Tse, P. Valery, Michael Loh, V. Cruz, J. Neves, J. Gomez, W. Lam Ying and L. Sham Piu.

Class 3.—S. Rumjahn (Old Boys' Scholarship), Laurence Tsan, Yun Choi, H. Okitsu, Man Ying, Berty Levy, Joseph Shak, Ng Sik Wing, Tin Cho Wa and Luiz Marques.

Class 5 (Kowloon Branch).—G. Noronha, F. Garcia, A. Brown, J. Franco, J. Antioquo, W. Souza and G. Angeles.

Class 6 (Kowloon Branch).—B. Jesus, J. Luz, R. Tavares, C. Figueiredo, P. Lessaia, C. Smith and M. Franco.

Class 7 (Kowloon Branch).—J. Alvarez, F. Pinna and B. Jesus. Preliminary Class.—Luko Tang Yee Yuen (Lugard Scholarship), Yung Kai Yip, T. Chun Chung, Lau Kam Wing, Minor Omo, John Go, Chau Kwok Leong, Yang Chong Lam, S. H. Garrod and L. Tang Chong.

Junior Class.—General Proficiency: Chow Fung To (Brother Peter's Memorial Scholarship). General Proficiency: Frank Wing Kwan Tse (Bellios Scholarship). English: Leo D'Almeida. Religious knowledge: 1st, J. J. Uhler; 2nd, J. F. Ribeiro. Mathematics: 1st, Wong Chow Soi; 2nd, Ho Man Kai. History: 1st, Louis Chan; 2nd, M. Barma. Geography: 1st, J. J. Uhler; 2nd, L. D'Almeida. Arithmetic: M. N. K. C. Fong. Drawing: 1st, J. J. Uhler; 2nd, Ho Man Kai. Book-keeping: M. Barma. Shorthand: A. Gomes. French: J. Uhler. Chinese: Chow Fung To. Portuguese: F. V. Ribeiro.

Senior Class.—Religious knowledge: 1st, L. E. M. Xavier (Bishop Pozzani's prize); 2nd, Noel Braga. English: Noel Braga (Senior Bellios Scholarship). English literature: 1st, Joseph Chow Fong (Sir E. N. Mody's Gold Medal); 2nd, D. B. Remedios. Mathematics: 1st, Joseph Chow Fong; 2nd, G. Millar. Modern languages: 1st, Emilio Aubouy (French); 2nd, D. B. Remedios (Portuguese); 3rd, L. F. M. Xavier (French). Chinese: 1st, Woo Pak Luk (Li Shik Pang Gold Medal); 2nd, Joseph Chow Fong. History and geography: 1st, Noel Braga; 2nd, W. Michael. Drawing: 1st, Emilio Aubouy; 2nd, Woo Pak Luk.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

Matriculation (Passes).—Noel Braga, George Millar, José Xavier, D. B. Remedios, Joseph Chow Fong and Woo Pak Luk.

Senior Local (Passes).—Emilio Aubouy, William Michael, L. F. M. Xavier, Stephen Kwong Lok and S. A. M. Sopher.

Junior Local (Passes).—Chow Fung To, Frank Wing Kwan Tse, Leung Wah Ping, Anthony Ng, Wong Chow Soi, Ho Man Kai, Charles S. F. Pau, M. N. K. Chong Fong, Louis Chan, Leung Tin Yung, and

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, C.B.E.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government will inspect the Police Reserve Force on the Murray Parade Ground on Saturday afternoon, February 15.

All ranks, including Patrolmen on duty and General Exempts, will attend. Exemption will be obtainable on medical grounds only. Further orders will be issued.

COMMENDATION.

P. C. 161 Leung Cheung Man is commended by the Captain Superintendent of Police for smart and intelligent action in effecting an arrest on the 14th instant.

(This is the third occasion on which this Constable has been commended.)

COMPANY AND PLATOON PARADES.

Central Station, 5.30 p.m. Uniform, Caps and Covers and Belts. Inspectors will wear Swords and Belts. General Exempts will attend. Patrolmen on duty will not attend. A Superintendent will take each parade.

Wednesday, February 5—No. 2 Platoon.

Thursday, February 6—No. 3 Company.

Friday, February 7—No. 1 Platoon.

Morday, February 10—No. 2 Company.

Tuesday, February 11—Ambulance Platoon.

STRENGTH.

Constables 786 Aquino and 718 Portaria are dismissed. Constable 250 Cheng Ching Lam resigns on leaving the Colony.

January 31, 1919.

BILLIARDS.

THE GARRISON TOURNAMENT.

MANCHESTERS v. 87th CO. R.G.A.

The Manchesters made short work of the 87th Co. R.G.A. when this match was continued at the Soldiers' Club last night. The Manchesters had Sergt. Goodman, their star player, playing last night, and he won very easily. The best break was that made by Sergt. Hall, 30 unmissed, which took him to game. Goodman made no break higher than 19, which total he scored several times. With four games to play the Manchesters are leading by 349 points. Scores:—

Manchesters.	
Sgt. Marshall	200
Lt. Col. Harvey	200
Sgt. Hall	200
Sgt. Goodman	200
Total	800

87th Co. R.G.A.

Br. Shephard	136
Br. Cole	85
Br. Phair	164
Gr. Bromhead	65
Total	451

PITMAN'S SHORTHAND EXAMINATIONS.

Second Class.—Francis Xavier Chow Tse Che and Joseph Chow Fong.

Third Class.—Frank Wing Kwan Tse, Charles F. S. Pau, Chow Fung To, Wong Chow Soi, Leung Wah Ping, Leung Tin Yung, Ho Man Kai, Mendel Barwald, Marie Silva, F. V. V. Ribeiro, Remaldo Damsberg, Arthur Tavares, Gustavo Osmund, A. E. Castro, A. M. Gomes, Luiz Xavier and M. Rafick.

For Scholarships and Prizes, the College is indebted to His Lordship Bishop D. Pozzani, The Bellios Scholarships (Senior and Junior), The Lugard Scholarship, The Mody's Gold Medal, The Li Shik Pang's Gold Medal, The Three Old Boys' Scholarships, The Bro. Peter Memorial Scholarships, Messrs. C. Montague Ede, Ho Koon Tong, Ho Wing, J. M. B. Machado, J. M. Noronha, E. J. Noronha, N. J. Shabb, F. Tse Yat, C. E. Warren, Chan Kai Ming, Jas. V. Chanaxong, Sir Ellis Kadoorie, G. Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Hon. Mr. R. G. Showan, and Messrs. Cui roll Brow.

NAVY PAY INCREASED.

We are gratified to be able to announce that the Admiralty has approved of a substantial increase of pay to the "Silent Navy." All ranks participate in the increase from Boy to Admiral of the Fleet, we understand, and for the time being is given as a bonus until such time as increases of pay generally are finally decided upon. That the increase is well and truly earned no one can gainsay. No one would want to. We all love Jack, and if ever a bonus was deserved, this one is.

The increases include the following: Seaman 1s. a day, 1st class petty officer 2s. 6d., 2nd class petty officer 3s. 6d., Warrant Officer 4s., Lieutenant 5s., and so on on a graduating scale. We assume that something similar will be done for the Army whose increase of pay up to now has always been in the scope of pence.

The War Service pay granted to the Army was on a most meagre scale, 1d a day for each year of service since the outbreak of war so that 4d is the maximum any rank can obtain.

We hope that corresponding increases for the Army will soon be announced. They too, deserve it.

Since writing the above, Reuters has sent us a telegram on the same subject.

THE HONGKONG ICE CO., LTD.

An extraordinary meeting of this company was held to-day at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. for the purpose of completing the winding up of the company. There were present Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, who presided, Mr. R. M. Austin (secretary), Mr. A. B. Stewart and Mr. K. de C. Longmire.

The terms of the agreement have now been fully performed, and the Chairman moved that the account submitted to the meeting and showing the manner in which the winding up had been conducted, and the property of the Company disposed of, be received and adopted.

Mr. A. B. Stewart seconded, and the motion was carried. The Chairman next moved that the books, accounts and documents of the Liquidators thereof be retained by the said Liquidators, they undertaking to destroy the same at the expiration of five years from the dissolution of the Company.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. K. de C. Longmire, and carried. This concluded the business of the meeting.

ANOTHER ARMED ROBBERY.

The latest is a report from Kowloon City, that on the morning of Jan. 30 three armed men entered 123 Main Street and demanded money. All they got was \$3. When a hue and cry was raised, they took to their heels.

Enquiry to-day by "China Mail" reporters elicited no further data. To point a moral for the Perak Government, which is troubled with armed robbers, a correspondent of the "Straits Echo" tells how in the old days the Hongkong authorities rooted them out. He adds: "And so Hongkong was cleansed of this scourge, and but for a sporadic outbreak now and then, the Colony is rid of these bad characters."

CHINESE DECORATIONS.

Quite a crop of Chinese orders have been bestowed recently. The following have been given authority to wear the orders granted to them: Order of the Excellent Crop, Third Class, Mr. William Ballard, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company; Order of the Excellent Crop, Fourth Class, Mr. Charles George Gordon Pearson, District Salt Inspector for Shantung; Order of the Striped Tiger, Fourth Class, Mr. Kenneth McEuen (Captain Superintendent of Police, Shanghai); Mr. William Armstrong (Chief Detective Inspector of Police, Shanghai); Order of the Striped Tiger, Fifth Class, Mr. Vivian Smith, Deputy Postal Commissioner, Tientsin; Order of the Excellent Crop, Fifth Class, Mr. William Price (Customs College, Peking); Mr. Ernest Watson (Customs College, Peking); and Mr. William Boyd Cooper (formerly of the Customs College, Peking).

Mr. J. R. Wood passed a heavy sentence on a thief who was arrested after snatching two bangles from a seven year old child. Mr. Wood remarked he was satisfied that the man came from the country with criminal intentions, and sentenced him to 12 months' hard labour and four hours' stock. Twelve strokes with the birch were to be inflicted on the culprit at the expiration of the first six months' imprisonment.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

STRENGTH.

No. 870 Pte. A. W. Barton, "D" Company, is permitted to resign under Section 7 (2) of the Military Service Ordinance 1917, dated 23.1.19.

TRANSFER.

No. 547 Pte. A. W. Millar is transferred from "B" Company to "D" Company, dated 29.1.19.

LEAVE.

2nd Corp. T. Leeman, Engineer Company, is granted 12 months' leave from 1.3.19. Pte. J. R. Wood, "A" Company, is granted 9 months' leave from 7.3.19. Pte. D. E. Clark, "A" Company, is granted 12 months' leave from 7.3.19. Pte. A. Course, "D" Company, is granted 6 months' leave from 26.2.19.

Orders for Artillery Company by Major J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

PARADES AT BELCHERS' BATTERY.

Tuesday, 4th February.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. All G. Cs. Layers & D.R.Fs. 5.15 p.m. Left Half Coy. All G. Cs. Layers & D.R.Fs.

Thursday, 6th February.—5.15 p.m. Left Half Coy. Full drill.

Friday, 7th February.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. Full drill.

Sub-Calibre Practice for both half Companies as follows:—

Sunday, 9th Feb.—Morning. At Belchers.

Monday, 10th Feb.—Evening. At Pakshawan.

Full particulars will be issued later.

Orders for Engineer Company, by Captain W. Russell.

DUTIES.

Belchers—N.C.Os. and Sappers as notified by C.S.M. will parade for D.E.L. duty at Belchers Fort on Friday, 7th Feb., at 8 p.m.

Lycemun—N.C.Os. and Sappers as notified by C.S.M. will parade at Lycemun on Friday, 7th February at 8 p.m. and also on the following dates in February:—10th at 6 p.m. (1st detail), (2nd detail at 9 p.m.), 12th at 6 p.m. (1st detail), (2nd detail at 9 p.m.), 15th at 6 p.m. (1st detail), (2nd detail at 9 p.m.).

KIT INSPECTION.

N.C.Os. and men who were absent from Kit Inspection on the 28th instant will parade at Headquarters on Tuesday, 4th February, at 5.15 p.m.

DRESS, full marching order with 150 rounds ammunition.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

Parades.—N.C.Os. and men (as detailed by Captain H. W. B. Kennett, V.D.) who were attached to the Engineer Company except those who have completed their Annual Course or T.E.T. and Casuals (those who have not yet completed their T.E.T.) will parade on Thursday, 5th Feb., at 5.15 p.m. at Kennedy Road Range. T.E.T. Grouping. Dress, Drill order without rifles. Officer in charge, Captain H. W. B. Kennett, V.D.

The following N.C.Os. will attend:—Sergeant Edmunds and Sergeant Harvey.

ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSE.

Wednesday, 5th February.—4.15 p.m. Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 15, at King's Park Range for all N.C.Os. and men in No. 8 Platoon M. Gun Coy., Mounted Section and Signalling Section who have completed their T.E.T. (or are exempted from passing them) and have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches. Platoon etc. Commanders will see that every man who has to fire attends. Officer in charge, Lieut. Rees. Two N.C.Os. from No. 4 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

Friday, 7th February.—4.15 p.m. Part 3, Practices 15 and 16, at King's Park Range for N.C.Os. and men as above. Officer in charge, Lieut. Evan Jones. Two N.C.Os. from No. 6 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

MOUNTED SECTION.

Thursday, 6th February.—5.15 p.m. at Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order.

"D" COMPANY.

Friday, 7th February.—5.15 p.m. No. 3 Section at Kennedy Road Range T.E.T. Grouping. Dress, drill order without rifles.

Orders for Cadet Company, by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Board.

PARADES.

Wednesday, 5th February.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Gun Club Hill Range.

G. E. STEWART, Captain, Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps. Hongkong, 31st January, 1919.

NOTICES.

Members of the Corps interested in competition rifle-shooting, affiliation with the N.R.A., etc., are invited to meet at Headquarters on Wednesday, 31st January, 1919, at 6 p.m.

HOCKEY.

As the United Services Hockey League has now started, all members of the Corps who are willing to play are requested to send their names to Sapper G. H. Piercy, S/O Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., as soon as possible.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One case of bubonic plague is reported in to-day's return.

Mrs. Manuk, mother of the Secretary to the Dairy Farm Company, died last night, at No. 6, Moreton Terrace.

Lieut.-Colonel H. G. Pringle, D.S.O., R.F.A., formerly of Tientsin and one who took part in the siege of Tsingtau, has just taken up a War Office billet, being appointed a 1st grade General Staff Officer.

We are pleased to see that Lieut. A. Sykes, of the Hongkong-Singapore R.G.A., who was so badly injured in a motor car accident on the "Taipo Road" last month, is about again. Yesterday he was walking with the assistance of a stick, but with difficulty, as he has little use of his legs.

A popular officer of Hongkong in pre-war days, Major R. M. Crosse, R.G.A., has moved from a Staff Officer's to a G.S.O.'s 2nd grade, chair at the War Office. Major Crosse will be remembered for his amateur theatricals, "The Idol's Eye" and "The Cook" being two plays written and produced by him here.

There was a large attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Philip Farrell last evening at Happy Valley, the Taikoo Dockyard being fully represented. Messrs. Mitchell, Garraway, Kerr and Middleton were the bearers. The Dock and Refinery staffs sent wreaths, and there was a conspicuous tribute of flowers from numerous mourning relatives and friends. The "China Mail" reporter says they literally hid the coffin.

A Chinese who walked off without paying the waiter for his meal was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning. He went to a restaurant at 162, Queen's Road yesterday, and ordered a rich repast. He had chicken and duck and stuffed pig's feet, and the other things. He made a hearty meal, sitting about three hours over it. When the bill had amounted to \$2.05, he took the opportunity when the waiter's back was turned to sneak out. But he was seen by the waiter and caught. Jail for 21 days.

It is supposed that Mr. S. H. Dodwell will be invited to take Mr. R. Shewan's seat on the Legislative Council when Mr. Shewan goes away in March. With regard to the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. Pollock as acting Attorney General it is understood that Mr. C. G. Alabaster has been persuaded to stand for election, as representative of the J.P.s.

The "China Mail" has the best authority for saying that Mr. Alabaster will be opposed by Mr. H. W. Bird, who has had experience as substitute for Mr. Pollock.

SHANGHAI REVOLVER CLUB.

The annual report of the Shanghai Revolver Club shows that on account of the restriction on the export of ammunition from America, there were only four competitions held during the year. The All-comers' Championship, the Club's Championship, and the Ladies' Championship competitions had to be abandoned. The following members won the expert's medal and bars: Medals: A. B. Fuddicombe, S. B. Stevenson, E. W. Stagg, Mrs. J. E. Hargreaves. Bars: E. S. Capman, 2 bars and spoon. S. B. Stevenson, 1 bar. L. Kadoorie, 1 bar. Since the Club was formed in 1911, there have been 61 competitions held for the expert's medal and bar. Three members qualified for expert (special), 51 members qualified for expert, and 364 members qualified for marksman, which includes 8 lady experts and 31 ladies in the Marksman's Class. During the year 20 members also passed the preliminary test for the Marksman's Class.

The Club has three ranges either for service revolvers or miniature rifle shooting, and is lighted by electric light for night shooting. There is also an experienced instructor to teach beginners with the automatic pistol, revolver or rifle.

BRITISH BETTER SAMARITANS.

An American writes: "The following, which I take from a 'News Bulletin' just received from New York, is one of the best I have seen on the British. It is by Dr. Samuel Zwerner, who paid recent visits to China:—

"If Jesus Christ were speaking to-day He would not only speak of the good Samaritans, but He would also speak of the good Britisher, who, when He heard of the man who fell among thieves, left the man in the inn, and grided himself and went after the thieves and cleared the road to Jericho and made it safe for other travellers. I thank God for what Great Britain has done in this war, and through this war, to establish righteousness and lay the foundations for liberty throughout the Near East."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMER.

The C.M.S.S. Co.'s, "China" sailed from Manila, January 30th, at 8 o'clock, and she will arrive here on Saturday, February 1st at 8 a.m.

"HEATHER DAY" FUND.

This fund, including the proceeds of St. Andrew's Fair, will approximate amount to £10,000, in connection with which a statement of Accounts will soon be published. For the disposal of this sum to best possible advantage, the Committee of St. Andrew's Society is now in telegraphic communication with Sir Charles Addis, of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, London, who has been associated with the distribution of these funds for some years past.

The Committee of St. Andrew's Society desires to record its grateful appreciation of the Services rendered by the Heather Day and St. Andrew's Fair Committees and to those who in loyalty co-operating, have achieved the excellent result recorded above. It would perhaps be superfluous to mention in detail the strenuous self-imposed labours of many members of the Society, and their lady friends, but the Committee nevertheless feels that it would not be justified in missing this opportunity of particularly mentioning the following:—

Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mrs. R. Sutherland and Mrs. Murray Scott for their untiring efforts in organising the Scottish Women's Stall and Raffle; Mrs. A. A. H. Milroy for designing and making many useful and ornamental souvenirs for sale; Miss Square for her general assistance and Messrs. G. K. Duncan, D. Keith, J. Simpson and G. H. M. Bannerman for their ingenuity and untiring energy. The yeoman work done by these gentlemen in connection with the Fair will long be remembered in the annals of that function.

Although the bulk of the work was performed by those of Scottish nationality, consequent upon Heather Day being solely a Scottish Day, the Committee was much gratified by the voluntary assistance of many other helpers, and it hopes that such ladies and gentlemen will accept this acknowledgment as a full appreciation of their valuable aid.

The Committee of St. Andrew's are specially indebted to the following list of firms and others, and where omissions have possibly occurred such are due to the anonymity of contributors, viz:—

H. E. the Officer, Administering the Government for opening the Fair.

The Government, the Naval and the Military Authorities for their general co-operation.

The Commander and Officers, H.M.S. "Kent," for Band.

Major H. A. Morgan and Officers, 18th Infantry, for Band.

Col. Passby and Officers, Hongkong & Shanghai R.G.A., for Pipers.

The General Post Office, for posting souvenirs etc., free of charges.

The Fire Brigade for standing by.

The Hongkong Police and Police Reserve for useful assistance.

The "Stunts" for proceeds of Performance and assistance at Cabaret Dance Hall.

Mr. F. A. Perry and B. A. T. Co., Outdoor Staff, for distributing and posting of posters.

Messrs. Kelly and Walsh and The South China Morning Post for special printing rates.

The South China Morning Post, The Hongkong Daily Press, The Hongkong Telegraph and The China Mail, for advertising at half rates.

Messrs. Pathe Freres for free use of Cinematograph.

The Telephone Company for use of Public Telephones and contribution of proceeds.

Mr. W. A. Dowley for proceeds of two dances held at the Cabaret Dance Hall, subsequent to St. Andrew's Day.

The Hongkong Electric Company for illuminated display.

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The Hongkong Tramway for decorated cars and displaying posters.

The Ferry and Peak Tramway Company for displaying posters and the latter also for postponing regrading operations.

Cafe Wiseman for refreshments supplied free on Cricket Ground and proceeds of Dinner and Dance.

The Boy Scouts and Stores who sold programmes.

Messrs. Wm. Powell Ltd., Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., and Messrs. Tak Cheong & Co., for Window Display of Prizes.

St. George's Society for contributing valuable prizes to the auction.

Victoria Theatre for proceeds of performance.

Many leading Chinese gentlemen for valuable monetary contributions, Messrs R. Gaujoin and U. Conella, for artistic work done.

For Pictures put up for auction by the following:—Hon. Mr. Percy Holyoak, Mr. W. Webb, Mr. J. Fasse, Mrs. J. S. Thomson and Lieut. Milington. Mr. L. E. S. Hodge for proceeds of Motor Cycle Raffle.

The Hongkong Small Arms and Ammunition Co. for use of Rifles, and the following, and others who were of the greatest assistance in many ways:—The War Charities Committee, Mr. George Lammert, The Hongkong Hotel, Wm. Powell Ltd., Lane Crawford & Co., Dairy Farm & Co., Wiseman Ltd., Graeco-Egyptian Tobacco Store, Hongkong Cigar Store, Anglo-Egyptian Tobacco Store, S. Moutrie & Co., Robinson Piano Co., Anderson Music Co., A. S. Watson & Co., Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co., Alex. Ross & Co., Shewan Tomes & Co., Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., MacIntosh & Co., Cricket Club

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A feature of Heather Day was the Motor Car Procession and the Committee desires to thank those who gave prizes and all who entered cars. It is also desired to thank the following outposts for their generous response to the Society's appeal, viz:—

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN ALL FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY and MONDAY, February 1 and 3.

By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 31, 1919.

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN ALL MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY and MONDAY, February 1 and 3.

By Order, LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Secretaries.

Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1919.

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MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	KWAIKANG	SATURDAY, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m.
SINGAPORE & SAMARANG	HINSANG	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m.
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SHIPPING.

AFTER THREE YEARS.

It is stated that the N.D.L. "Dagmar" has been raised at Koh Phra and successfully beached says the "Bangkok Times." She had as part of her cargo several hundred tons of rails for the State Railways. These were located in the holds at the aft end of the ship and owing to the depth of water added to the difficulties attendant on raising the vessel. The "Dagmar" went on shore some years ago.

SHIPBUILDING AT NAGASAKI.

It is reported, says the "Nagasaki Press," that five large steamers are being constructed at the Mitsubishi Zosen Kaisha's Nagasaki works for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha. One is of 3,700 tons and the other four of 10,000 tons each, and of the same class as previous steamers of the same tonnage built for the O.S.K. The last-mentioned vessel will, we understand, be completed in March next, and toward the others are to be ready for sea in November. These vessels are being constructed of material produced at the Mitsubishi foundry in Korea. Progress on the two remaining steamers will, however, partly depend on the arrival of material from the United States.

SHIPPING CASE.

The appeal in the case of the owners of s.s. "Malta" v. owners of s.s. "Kaga Maru" was concluded on November 27, before the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Duke, and Mr. Justice Eve, sitting with Admiralty Sir Francis Russell, C.B., and Captain C. K. Wright, Elder Brethren of Trinity House. It was an appeal by the owners of the Japanese steamship "Kaga Maru" from a claim and counter-claim arising out of a collision between her and the Greek steamship "Malta" in the Downs on February 15, 1917. By the judgment, pronounced of the "Kaga Maru" was held to be alone to blame, and the plea of compulsory pilotage negatived. That judgment was upheld, the Master of the Rolls stating that the evidence established quite clearly that the "Kaga Maru's" master and crew kept an insufficient look-out, and that that did, in fact, contribute to the collision. The Lords Justices concurred.

SHIPBUILDING PROGRESS IN FRANCE.

A few weeks ago, the French Chamber of Deputies discussed the Bill ratifying the decree regarding the requisitioning of merchant ships. M. Bousson, Commissioner of Transport, explained the Government's programme, asking for credits of 2,000,000,000 francs (£80,000,000), for the construction over a period of five years of 3,000,000 tons of shipping, fitted with refrigerating installation. M. Tardieu, the French High Commissioner at Washington, referring to the measures of the United States Government in order to increase transport facilities, recalled the efforts made by America with the merchant fleet at her disposal. All her energies, he said, were strained for war. Later on other nations will not have the preference over France. One hundred thousand tons of shipping have been promised to us.

Replying to the criticism that he had failed to obtain a signed agreement with America, M. Tardieu said that there was no need of a signed agreement to obtain her financial assistance. Hundreds of thousands of tons of shipping and an army of 2,000,000 men were obtained. These valuable results did not follow a policy of quibbling red tape and suspicion. M. Tardieu, in conclusion, paid a glowing tribute to the assistance of America. M. Clementel, Minister of Commerce, thanked M. Tardieu and M. Bousson for their work, and warmly praised the British Government for its support of France, expressing the gratitude of France for the agreement by which Great Britain allotted 750,000 tons of shipping to France. "We prefer," M. Clementel continued, "a policy of confidence, mutual warmth and friendly conversations" to one of insistent demands.

TEETHING WITHOUT TEARS.

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CONVICTED OF "SQUEEZE."

TWO POLICE RESERVISTS IMPRISONED.

Henrique d'Aquino and Jose Portaria, members of the Police Reserve, were sentenced yesterday to three months' imprisonment for a "squeeze" that wasn't called blackmail in the terms of the charge, but looked like it. Demanding money with threats with intent to steal was the charge.

Mr. Melbourne heard the case. Sergeant C. Willis prosecuted, and Mr. F. X. d'Almada defended. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P.R. watched on behalf of the Police Reserve.

Chan Kam, charged with them, was not defended. The story briefly is that the men went to a woman in Sai Street and threatened to charge her with keeping an illicit brothel unless she gave them \$30. Portaria and d'Aquino were their Police uniform.

Sergeant Willis told how an anonymous letter put him on the scent. After enquiries, he detained a man called Li Wing. This man made a statement implicating Ah Yung (d'Aquino's Chinese name) and three others.

Mr. d'Almada objected to this. A statement so made, without witnesses, and under duress, was valueless.

Later on, said Sergt. Willis, he invited d'Aquino to join him in a raid, and asked him to bring along another Police Reservist. d'Aquino took him to Portaria's house, and when the two were together, witness told them of the accusation against them. Portaria admitted guilty knowledge; said he was not the only man in it. He implicated Li Wing (the informer) and Ah To, who took the money.

At the Police Station, Chan Kam, the third accused, admitted the offence. Two women, afterwards picked out the three defendants from identification parades.

In reply to Mr. d'Almada, Sergt. Willis said it was true that the first defendant had reported this very house as a sly brothel once before he was arrested. Witness told him to search and bring evidence.

As the defendants had told you they had previously frequented this house, and that the inmates knew them, why those identification parades?—in fairness to the defendants.

I call that a farce. They had told you the women knew them.

Mr. d'Almada, addressing the magistrate, pointed out that at the time and date mentioned by the woman, d'Aquino was with Inspector A. E. Alves, P.R., arranging about police duties. Portaria also had an alibi. He was with his cousin Joseph Yee Chok Wa.

Inspector Alves deposed that at 4 p.m. on Dec. 31 d'Aquino came to him and asked permission for a substitute to take his duty at nine that night. He said he had "something on."

Sergt. Joao Conde Barreirô, also of the Reserve, deposed to being with d'Aquino from 3.45 to 4 p.m. that day.

d'Aquino himself gave evidence to this effect, and said that after leaving them, he went to the Reserve Headquarters Club to wish the D.S.P.R. a happy New Year. He did not go to the sly brothel, a place he knew well. Lai Yee, the complainant, was only a servant there.

Sergt. Willis: How comes it that you know the mistress so well?—Li Wing introduced me.

As a Police Reservist, don't you know that you had no right to go to such a place?—If you had not told me to go, I would not.

Mr. d'Almada: He went on your advice.

Sergt. Willis: That is not true, you worship. (To accused), I'm told you often go to that house to smoke opium.—No, I am not an opium smoker.

Portaria now testified. He was with his cousin, newly from Singapore, from 4 o'clock to 9 that night, after which they went to the cinema. He wasn't at the brothel during these hours, though he had been there on previous occasions. He had taken meals there.

Cross-examined: Although a Police Reservist, he knew no regulation which forbade him to visit such places. He took Sergt. Willis there to find the man Ah To, who lived there. He denied the truth of the Sergeant's statements concerning him.

Portaria's cousin corroborated the alibi part of his statement.

Sergt. Willis: Anybody speak to you before you came into Court?—Only the lawyer.

Who asked you to come and speak for the defendant?—Portaria's mother.

What did she tell you to say?—Mr. d'Almada: To tell the truth.

Witness (like an echo): To tell the truth. (Laughter).

Sergt. Willis: protested at this prompting.

Mr. d'Almada said he had only told witness to tell the truth.

Chan Kam, the third accused, also had an alibi. He said he was with Mr. Thomas at Hung Hom until 8 p.m. that day, and at Wanchai with him for the rest of the evening. He told the Magistrate he was a piece-goods broker, and knew the other accused only by sight.

Mr. d'Almada: Would your Worship like to hear Mr. Thomas?

FOOTBALL.

NO 1ST. LEAGUE GAMES TO-MORROW.

There should have been two first league games to-morrow, but for the second time during the current season a Saturday will pass without any 1st league matches being played. The Club are unable to field a team against the Navy owing to injuries, while the R.G.A. are unable to raise a team as three of their men are playing cricket, while another was hurt against the Club last Saturday, and is now in hospital.

The second division games will be interesting. Two R.G.A. teams meet on the Navy ground, the 88th and 83rd Companies.

Kowloon have a chance of gaining more points in their match with the 87th Co. R.G.A. As expected South China Athletic Reserves are not playing, and in their place Staff and Departments appear as the opponents of the Navy Reserves. As a result of this match the Staff ought to gain the two points and take up second position in the league table.

Matches to be played, with particulars of venue, referees, etc., and some of the selected teams, follow:

2ND DIVISION, HONGKONG LEAGUE.

87th Co. R.G.A. v. Kowloon. On the Military ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Emery.

88th Co. R.G.A. v. 83rd Co. R.G.A. On the Navy ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Corp. Townsend, R. E.

Staff and Departments v. Royal Navy Res. On the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Co. Sergt. Major Pragnell, R.G.A.

-MONDAY'S MATCH.

On Monday a match has been fixed up between the R.G.A. and Royal Engineers in connection with the United Services League. Both teams will be free of cricket and will be able to field full football strength. Monday being a holiday this game will provide an hour's entertainment for those who go to see football matches. Venue, etc., as follows:—

Royal Engineers v. R.G.A. On the Navy ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Tucker.

Teams:—

Royal Engineers: Heath; Blumfield; Lawrence; Smith; Charters; White; Connell; Millard; Jarvis; Townsend; Pasall.

R.G.A.: Taylor; Torr; Sharman; Bell; Talfourd; Wordley; McGregor; Johnson; Green; Middleton; Morris.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Civil Service v. R.G.A. On the Civil Service ground at 2 p.m.

University v. Kowloon. On the University ground at 2.15 p.m.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

Craigengower v. H.K. Police. On the Craigengower ground at 2.15 p.m.

Selected teams:—

R.G.A.—Lieut. A. R. Sutherland, Lieut. A. O. Colman, Lieut. H. Torr, Sergeants Graham, Talfourd, Athorne, and Drummond, Corp. Mann, Bomb. Sharman, Bomb. MacDowall and Gunner Baines.

University.—A. H. Rumjahn, P.A. Ponsonby, F. A. Redmond, J. D. Wright, W. C. C. K. S. Lim, D. K. Saini, M. P. Choa, T. L. Cheah, R. A. Basto, and G. E. Marley.

K. C. C.—J. P. Robinson, (Captain) L. J. Blackburn, H. Overy, D. M. Goodall, E. J. Edwards, K. R. Macaskill, C. P. James, C. J. Stapleton, H. H. Taylor, J. H. Mead and R. Pastonji.

MONDAY'S MATCHES.

H.K.C.C. v. Mr. Ponsonby Fane's XI. On the H.K.C.C. ground at 10 a.m.

C.R.C. v. I.R.C. On the C.R.C. ground at 2 p.m.

Selected Teams:—

H.K.C.C.—T. E. Pearce, (Captain), Lt. Col. Coles, F. J. de Rome, D. E. Donnelly, Capt. E. H. Gray, E. W. Hamilton, P. Jacks, Capt. H. E. Murray, Asst. Paym. Robinson, F. Sutton, and R. P. Thurstield.

I.R.C.—D. Rumjahn, (Captain), J. D. Noria, M. H. Abbas, A. el Arculli, G. Partabrai, G. C. Eardie, S. D. Ismail, N. M. Bux, A. A. Rumjahn and S. H. Ismail.

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Sergt. Willis: He is at present in jail, for a similar offence.

The Magistrate: convicted: Evidence of a previous conviction against Portaria was given. All three accused were sentenced to three months' hard labour.

FACTS FROM SIBERIA.

Vladivostok, Jan. 4.

The following letter from Major-General Sir C. H. Powell, Commissioner, British Red Cross, Siberia, to Major-General Ventris, has reached the "China Mail" for publication.

Sir:—Now that I have been some little time in Vladivostok I have learnt to some extent—though only limited—what the position of affairs is in Siberia as regards Hospital work generally. I have found it extremely difficult to ascertain the true position in detail, and it is just these details which are so necessary in order to organize the work for the British Red Cross on sound and practical lines.

2.—I gather that there are some 200,000 Russian Troops being raised under the authority of the new Omsk Government, and which are being trained more or less under the supervision of General Knox, Head of the British Mission, and which are scattered in various towns in West Siberia. These all need medical attendance.

3.—Then there are also some 50,000 of our gallant Allies the Czechs, who have done so much for Russia and the Allies by saving the Railway and Siberia from the brutal ravages of Hun and Bolsheviks. These are also in great need of medical assistance, supplies, and so forth, and my own heart goes out to these brave Patriots, and I feel that we cannot do enough for them. They are still showing a bold front to the Bolsheviks.

4.—Then again, there are Cam's of German and Austrian prisoners of war, distributed throughout Siberia, and whose condition is pretty awful, judging by reports: famished, under-clothed, wretchedly housed, covered with vermin, and so forth. These people are being specially attended by their own particular sympathizers—the Swedes, who have a representative of their Red Cross out here.

5.—Lastly there is the Civil Population, who are also suffering considerably from hunger, want of clothing, medical necessities, etc. Owing to their debilitated condition and the filthy condition under which the Russian habitually lives, typhus has broken out in many a city along the Railway, and the medical opinion is that this disease will spread as the season advances, and will be followed by other epidemics.

6.—There are Hospitals of sorts in all the chief towns along the Railway, and there are presumably doctors and surgeons in attendance. There are also a number of Hospital Trains, some operated by Russians, others by Czechs. The one cry throughout Siberia is, however, for Hospital supplies and medical equipment generally, as also for warm clothing.

7.—This, then, is briefly the situation in Siberia from the point of view which interests me as Commissioner for the British Red Cross, and it behoves me to calculate how best we can utilize the resources at our disposal, in order to deal with the colossal medical work which requires to be done, and it is only a fraction which it will be possible to do.

8.—I shall shortly have at my disposal:—

(a)—A Russian Unit consisting of 5 Russian Doctors and 25 Russian Nurses. These were mobilized in London and Paris, and are now on their way to Vladivostok, via Canada. This Unit is being financed by the British Red Cross and will consequently come under my charge. I shall utilize this unit to serve the needs of the newly formed Russian Troops in the West.

(b).—I am arranging to take over a Czech Hospital Train and possibly a Russian one as well, and running these under the British Red Cross Flag. These trains should be very useful in giving us the mobility we need in evacuating wounded and sick from the front to Base Hospitals in rear.

(c).—I shall shortly have 3 Canadian Doctors and 4 English Nurses, also a Dentist and his staff, headed by Miss Sherif-MacGregor, my Matron-in-Chief, the capable lady who was in Roumania with the British Red Cross, and through that unhappy retreat.

9.—This Staff, to commence with, will be operating on a small train which I am getting together in Vladivostok, and on which we shall proceed to Western Siberia as soon as possible. On this train we carry with us the equipment for the 100 Bed Hospital which has been so generously supplied by the Shanghai Community; also a 200 Bed Hospital now being collected in Japan, together with all the numerous stores of warm clothing, etc. which have been showered upon us from every British Community in China, and in Japan and in the Straits Settlements.

10.—On behalf of the British Red Cross I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude for the great work which the ladies in China and Japan have contributed throughout the war to the needs of the British and Allied Soldiers; and I would urge that there be no relaxation to these efforts so long as the British Government decides to assist the Russians in their effort to re-establish a solid and honourable Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) C. H. POWELL.

Also the following from Assistant Commissioner Ralphs:

VLADIVOSTOK.

8th January 1919.

SUPPLIES FOR BRITISH TROOPS IN SIBERIA.

On arrival, I lost no time in getting into touch with those concerned with Red Cross work, Dr. Carthew, attached to the British Political Mission, who was acting also as M. O. to the Middlesex and Manchester Regiments, and who had a small ward of six or eight beds at the Middlesex Headquarters; also the heads of the American Red Cross who have given me every assistance possible, in addition to providing me with quarters, almost impossible to obtain in Vladivostok. I consulted Dr. Carthew and Captain Sharples, O.C. of the Middlesex and Manchester Regiments now in Vladivostok, and also spoke to various officers and some of the men. As a result I came to the conclusion that our troops both in Vladivostok and in the interior are amply supplied with warm clothing, their ordinary outfit having been augmented by issues made by the Canadians, with the exception of Socks, Woollen Gloves, Mufflers, Long Stockings, Socks and Cholesterol Belts; "Small Comforts" for which there appears to be great need, are Handkerchiefs, Vaseline, Leather Boot Laces, Shaving Soap, Shaving Brushes, Tooth-brushes, Tooth paste, Writing Papers, Envelopes, Pencils, Pipes, Tobacco, Cigarettes, Matches, Indoor Games, and Literature.

I then consulted Mr. Altman (Managing Director) of Messrs. Denny, Mott and Dickson, Chairman of the Vladivostok Patriotic League, with regard to requirements of our troops, and found that the list he had prepared as a result of some weeks experience and frequent enquiry coincided almost exactly with that drawn up by me after quite an independent investigation. I visited H.M.S. Suffolk, and was informed by Commodore Payne that nothing whatever was required for his men.

As Sweaters were urgently required for our men in the interior, I stated the case to the Officers of the American Red Cross, who immediately handed over to us 1,000 Sweaters; 800 were sent off at once by train (10th November), the remainder being retained for our men in Vladivostok.

On the 10th November I telegraphed to Hongkong and Shanghai a list of requirements as detailed above, together with an appeal for "warm clothing and boots old or new for adults and children." Such supplies are urgently required for refugees, who are at present being dealt with by the American Red Cross. To Shanghai also I telegraphed the message: "Motor car indispensable; second hand Ford adequate." The necessity for having a car was urged upon me by the American Red Cross, and I quickly found the reasonableness of the advice. The Vladivostok Patriotic League in its Report asks for "at least one motor car."

Up to the time of my arrival supplies sent from Hongkong were consigned to the British Army Ordnance Officer, and were distributed by him as required.

Supplies sent from Japan, Shanghai, Manila, etc., have for the most part been received and distributed by the Vladivostok Patriotic League. The League is well organized on business lines and has done much useful work. The Secretary's Reports upon the League give a full account of its activities.

After enquiry, it seemed to me evident that the League should in future receive all goods intended for the relief of British Troops, and that the distribution of such stores should be left entirely to the League. A central organization is thus provided to which all requests for assistance should be sent, and which will deal with such appeals. The League keeps a careful record of all goods received and distributed, and the possibility of overlapping—almost certain to occur where the work is not centralized—is obviated. This arrangement being adopted I recommend all Relief and Work Associations interesting themselves in the British Troops in Siberia to forward their contributions to the Hon. Sec. Vladivostok, British Patriotic League. The Secretary will at intervals notify the various centres as to requirements, which may vary from time to time.

The great difficulty is that of transport but improvements are being made in this respect; Shanghai has presented a motor car, and a motor lorry which has been ordered by the British Red Cross will also be available.

The League is working in close co-operation with the British Red Cross, and is doing very useful work indeed, and is deserving of the fullest support.

(Sd.) E. RALPHS, Asst. Commr. B.R.C.

APPEAL FOR WORKBAGS FOR SIBERIA.

In answer to an urgent appeal from Vladivostok, Mrs. Stabb asked the ladies present at the meeting yesterday at Government House, kindly presided over by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, to give towards a fund for supplying

JAPANESE STEEL AND IRON MERCHANTS.

The iron and steel market in Japan, which suffered a severe blow owing to the conclusion of the armistice, has become increasingly unfavourable in view of the modification or removal of export embargoes in the United States, Great Britain, and other countries. Pig-iron is now quoted at ¥200 and bar iron at ¥150, against ¥450 and ¥400 quoted some time ago respectively. A further decline is considered inevitable, and it is believed that if outstanding transactions were closed at current prices there would be produced many cases of bankruptcy among the merchants concerned. They are accordingly trying hard to find a way out of the difficulty. Their opinion is said to be that the only effective means is prohibition of at least restrictions on the import of pig iron, bars, and other iron and steel goods which are now produced in sufficient quantity in this country to meet the domestic demand. In their view the Government would be egregiously mistaken and would be going back upon its avowed policy of encouraging the iron industry if it stood aside and gave no helping hand to the merchants in distress. It is expected that they will memorialise the Government asking it to take the desired measure. At the same time it is reported that Mr. Tsuda Katsuro and other prominent iron merchants in Osaka are trying to devise means of effecting their own relief. It seems that they intend to establish a joint-stock company with a capital of ¥20,000,000, and by way of contributing the capital the merchants will deliver their holdings assessed at suitable prices to the company. In addition, the leading merchants will subscribe cash to the capital. It is said that the proposed company will take steps to assist individual merchants in distress, and will eventually engage in the importation of iron and steel on a large scale. Negotiations regarding this proposal are still under progress among the merchants interested.

work-bags fitted with scissors, thimbles, needles, pins, cotton, buttons, tapes, etc. to be sent to the refugee women in Siberia.

The Allied Red Cross Commission in Vladivostok are anxious to start the women working—enabling them to earn a little money and to make for themselves and their children the garments that they know are most suitable.

Some cases of material are promised by the Committee of the Hongkong Branch, Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, and the appeal to the ladies yesterday morning resulted in an instant response of \$100, representing 100 bags. Mrs. Stabb is most grateful and thanks the generous donors warmly. She would be glad of still more money sent to her at the Hongkong Bank or 117 the Peak—every dollar means a bag—and every bag means work for one or more women.

In view of the congestion at Vladivostok, it is thought best to send this consignment direct to Tokyo, whence it will be carried by the W.M.C.A. and handed personally to the Allied Red Cross in Vladivostok. It is hoped that the bags will be in use by the 3rd week in February.

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NEWS FROM HOME.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

(Continued from Yesterday.)

London, November 20.

The only one that can lay any claim to democratic feeling fails to achieve that result with dignity. This is the ex-King Ludwig of Bavaria, who has been allowed to remain in his country and make himself at home as a private citizen. Even before his accession he belonged to the Altorf Club—similar to our Savage Club—and there met the leading Munich artists. He used to foregather frequently with the comic cartoonists and the revolutionary Kurt Eisner and insisted on being treated without ceremony, smoking his pipe and playing cards and billiards with any member who came his way. The strait laced used to call him "mad" on this account, but in these perilous days for kings that democratic touch is saving his skin a good deal of peril.

The most unanimous wish in this country and in France, at any rate, is that the Kaiser should be taken out of Holland and punished. The difficulty is to find a punishment that will really fit the magnitude of the crime. Hanging would be too good for him in the most used phrase in the world to-day.

A TRIBUTE FROM THE ENEMY.

The tribute of the German officers who have been meekly handing over their fleet to England as to the discipline and correctness of our own navy cannot be reciprocated, for the men and ships we have received have both been dirty and neglected.

Now come the "Cologne Gazette" to lay its offering at the shrine of our Intelligence Department. Referring to a naval action planned for the end of October that paper says it was an operation that "had been kept absolutely secret, because experience has shown that England was in possession of Germany's naval intentions within seven to ten hours."

This will cause the eyes of the new head of the Intelligence Department, of the British Admiralty, Admiral Hall, to twinkle. He is a well-known figure in the service and is familiarly known therein as "Blinker." Naturally the operations of his department must remain a sealed book, in spite of the relaxation of the censorship; but it is no exaggeration to say that there has been no higher skilled organisation operating during the war than this.

THE CENSORSHIP.

We are shaking off the shackles of war regulations. Already the Naval Censorship has gone, and the military censorship is to follow. But for the present it is necessary to supervise telegrams for the past few weeks have revealed amazing centres of intrigues, for commerce and otherwise. All this information is docketed and filed. You would be surprised to see the names on some of those index cards. Also you would have been surprised could you have overlooked the cables since the armistice was signed and have seen the numerous references to German agents and to the China trade.

The Hidden Hand is busy just now, and international finance will play a big part in the preliminaries of the Peace Conference. International Finance is mostly controlled

by Jewish magnates, who have no race but their own. The Jew in London is not likely to press too hard on his brother in Germany, where he has great possessions. So he turns all the balance of his power of wealth towards an easy peace. Of that we must beware, as also against the intrigues of the Huns to exploit such fields as the Far East.

As to the Peace Conference, the artful wirepullers who still remain in control in Berlin, in spite of the nominal change of Government, are sedulously working to stir up points that will cause friction between the Allies. I think it was Castlereagh who said it was far easier to conduct a campaign than a conference. Already there are matters cropping up that will take all the state craft of the Allies to adjust without irritation.

AN ALLIED BUREAU OF COMMERCE.

If we can retain unity to the full measure dreamed of by our optimists we should be happy hereafter, and our inter-Allied trading should be pleasant and profitable. There is a scheme under consideration, for example, for the creation in London of a bureau of finance and commerce, on the controlling body of which all the principal Allied nations will be represented. The communications that have passed already show support for it in London, Paris, Rome and New York, and it is claimed for the proposal that there would be general benefit if such a scheme were put into active operation.

KIPLING AS WAR HISTORIAN.

Rudyard Kipling has agreed to write the regimental history of the Irish Guards in the war, and in an introductory chapter he will trace the previous history of the regiment. The officers are uncommonly pleased over this.


Already Col. John Buchan, whose history of the war has been so great a success, is issuing the record of the Scottish regiments in the fighting. The writer is well-fitted for the task—and what a task it is to describe the doctory deeds of regiments that have been foremost in every battle in which they have been engaged!

THE ELECTION.

Politics are in a queer state just now. Labour has taken up some map who never did a day's work in their lives. Liberals and Conservatives are acting together in some places and fighting in others. Half a dozen small and curious organisations are making a struggling start for recognition. And above it all Mr. Lloyd George contrives to keep his prominence. How he stands may be best illustrated by two remarks. One was made by a Conservative after he had addressed that party by letter. "Oh," said the Conservative, "he has become one of us, and will be a member of the Carlton Club within a year." A little later a Liberal remarked in the Lobby, after hearing him speak: "Thank goodness he has shown so clearly he remains one of us." So there you are—you take your choice. Perhaps there is something, after all, in Mr. Asquith's motto, "Wait and see."

STRAIGHT AT IT.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

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PARIS CONFERENCE.

GERMAN COLONIES STILL DISCUSSED.

LONDON, January 28th. A communiqué from Paris, dated January 28th, states that the representatives of the five Powers met twice to-day and exchanged views on the question of the German Colonies in the East, in the Pacific and in Africa.

The Dominions' representatives were present at both sessions. The representatives of China attended in the morning, and Marquis Salago Baget in the afternoon.

Delegates from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and China were heard in the morning while in the afternoon Mr. Henri Simon, French Minister for the Colonies, explained the views of his department on Colonial questions.

The fundamental principles of the League of Nations and their application were also considered.

NO ANSWER TO U.S. PROPOSAL.

PARIS, January 28th. Before the Conference Committee, the French Colonial Minister, during French claims to Togoland and the Cameroons, said that a Franco-British Administrative Agreement defining their respective spheres of influence was made in 1916.

The French Colonial Minister undertook to establish a particularly liberal administration, assuring the elevation of the natives.

The Committee reached no decision on President Wilson's propositions regarding the future of the German Colonies.

DOMINION CLAIMS.

PARIS, January 28th. The question of the German Colonies in Africa was discussed at this afternoon's sitting of the Supreme Council.

The Chinese delegates were specially summoned to discuss China's interests.

Mr. W. M. Hughes and General Botha submitted the claims of their respective Dominions, namely, New Guinea for Australia, Samoa for New Zealand and South West Africa for the Union of South Africa.

The question of the future fate of South-West Africa, Togoland and the Cameroons was discussed.

President Wilson explained his own personal theory for the settlement of the Colonial question, according to which the League of Nations would entrust the administration of these territories to mandatory States.

NO DIFFERENCES.

PARIS, January 28th. Discussions regarding the fate of the German colonies last afternoon were most important. No decision has yet been reached, and the discussions will be resumed to-morrow. It is inaccurate to say that there is any difference of opinion. The Powers concerned are stated to be in complete accord.

LABOUR.

TROUBLE WIDESPREAD.

LONDON, January 28th. The strike of certain electricians in Glasgow yesterday resulted in the closing down of a large establishment. Thousands have still refused to strike. The agitators are endeavouring to bring in the seamen by raising a cry against Chinese labour. They have also attempted to tamper with municipal workers, tramwaymen, and gasworkers, but have been unsuccessful so far.

Many collieries in West Scotland stopped work yesterday. The miners stopped regarding their leaders and coming out in sympathy with the general strike.

The Conference at Glasgow was attended by delegates from all parts of Scotland, also from Grimsby, Rugby, and London. It was resolved to urge the Joint Committee to prosecute the strike most vigorously until the Government was forced to negotiate, and decline to approach the Government or employers. It was asserted that seventy thousand are idle on the Clyde.

Another Conference at Glasgow, of shop-stewards, boiler-makers, blacksmiths and shipwrights, decided to secure a forty-hour week by constitutional means.

Twenty thousand strikers demonstrated in Belfast with bands and banners. The city is orderly.

Last evening, the town was again in darkness. Rowdy bands terrorised the people in the streets by stone-throwing and window-smashing.

Isolated attempts at looting were frustrated by the Police, who, charging with batons, dispersed the crowds. The city was quiet at midnight.

The Lord Mayor, in a proclamation, appeals to the Corporation employees to resume work.

The position in London remains unchanged.

Strikes in Manchester were resumed to-day.

A communiqué from Paris states:—Mr. G. N. Barnes has had several meetings with prominent Trade Unionists and Dominion representatives, and hopes to issue a communiqué to-morrow, when it is believed the object of the meeting will be nearing completion.

PARIS, January 21st.

A Havas message says:—A Committee will consider, from an international standpoint, regulations pertaining to the hours and conditions of labour throughout the world. When the League of Nations is formed, a Labour Member will be attached to the permanent Committee, supervising all countries re employment of labour.

THE RHINE.

PARIS, January 28th. The French occupied a bridgehead on the left of the Rhine, near Wehl.

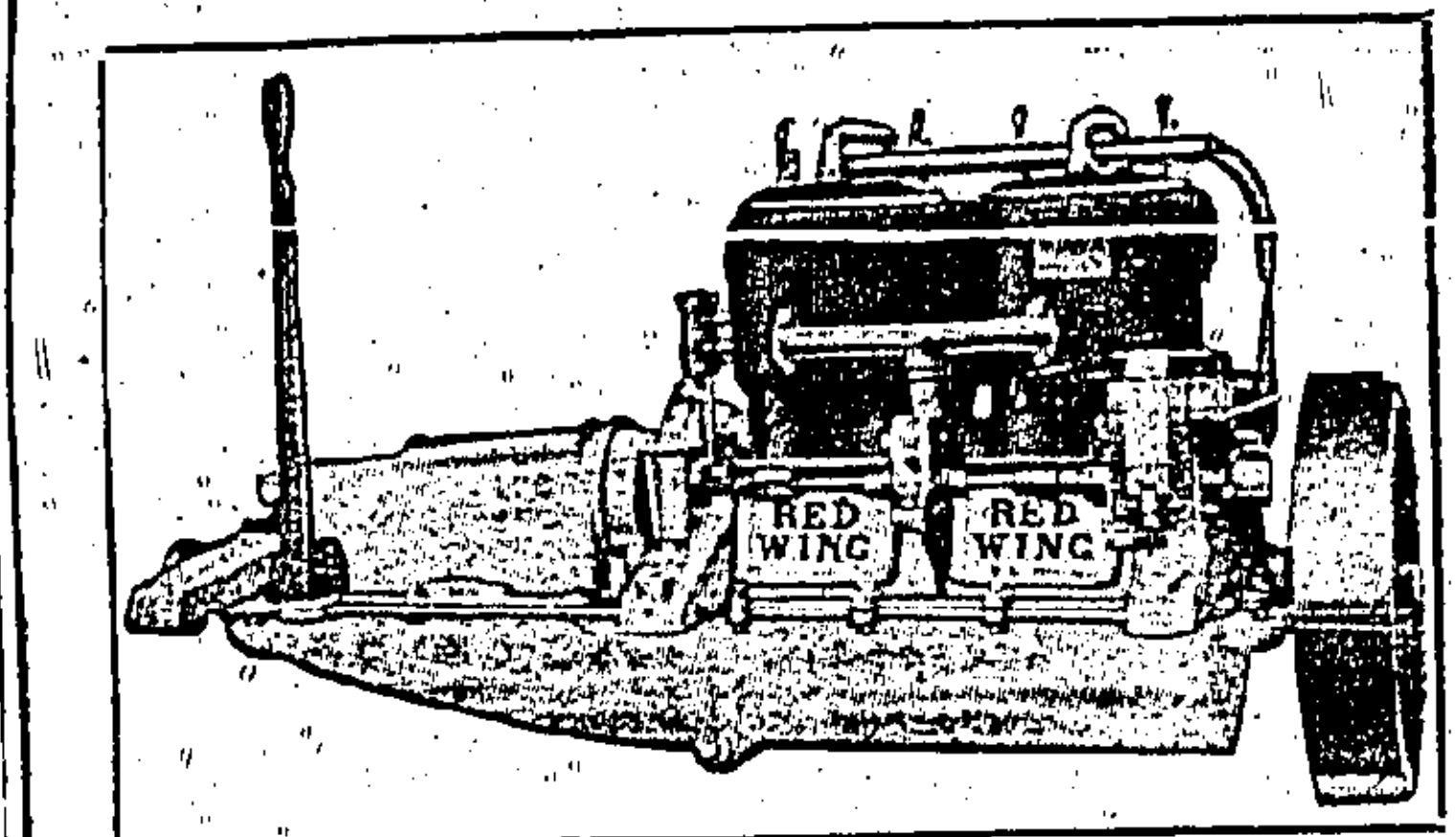
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WEATHER REPORT.

January 31st, 1919. No rain from Japan and Vladivostok. Pressure has decreased slightly. Philippines and Annam, and increased slightly. Moderately elsewhere. The anticyclone remains stationary and has increased in intensity; strong monsoon will prevail along the coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.17 inches. Total since January 1, 0.30 inches, against an average of 1.44 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on February 1, 1919.

1.—Hongkong to Cap Rock: N.E. winds, fresh to strong; cloudy, drizzling rain.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG. DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 31, 1919.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Vladivostok	8 a.m.	30.15	54	70	W	4	Cloudy
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